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I have been in the software industry for 18 years. I have watched Microsoft grow to become the monopoly it is today. It has clearly done this not through technical innovation, as they would like people to think, but by making business agreements which destroy competition. This is clear looking at past court cases, as well as the recent antitrust case.

The settlement is clealy political, and will not do a thing to change Microsoft's monopolistic behavior. Please reconsider this settlement agreement.

The other monopoly that has not been looked at is Office file formats. These have been forced onto consumers in a way that ensures Microsoft will get lots of upgrade business.

The settelement is much too narrow, as it limits itself to products that already exists, NOT future ones.

I am very disappointed in the antritrust division, and feel let down.